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Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission

Workshop

"Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy in the light of comparative experiences from the Arab region and the world"

Amman, Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

20-21 June 2012

PROGRAMME

In cooperation with



BACKGROUND

The Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission is organizing a workshop under the title "The Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy in the light of comparative experiences in the Arab region and the world" in Amman (Jordan) on 20-21 June 2012, in collaboration with the Jordanian Anti-Corruption Commission and with the support of UNDP's regional project on "Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab countries". Participants include high level representatives from different Palestinian institutions, ministries and civil society organizations involved in fighting corruption as well as experts from Arab countries and partner countries and representatives of regional and international organizations. This workshop provides participants with the opportunity to engage in focused discussions on national anti-corruption strategies in the light of international standards and good practices and lessons learned from comparative experiences, and identify ways in which the Palestinian experience can be enriched in this area.

AGENDA

Wednesday, 20 June 2012

09.00 – 10.00 Registration

10.00 – 10.30 Opening Session

- **Opening Statements**
H.E Mr. Samih BINO, Head of the Jordanian Anti-Corruption Commission
H.E Mr. Rafiq NATSHEH, Head of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Manager of UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries

10.30 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 13.00 First Session

National Anti-Corruption Strategies: Concepts, Good Practices and Lessons Learned

- **Concepts and characteristics of national anti-corruption strategies**
Dr. Ahmed ASHOUR, Senior partner at the Institute for Development Research and Consultancies and Professor at the University of Alexandria
- **Comparative experiences**
Dr. Qasem ZOBI, Head of the Department of Prevention, Jordanian Anti-Corruption Commission
H.E Mr. Hisham NORDEN, Head of Official National Results, Anti-Corruption Authority, Malaysia
Mr. Valdimir GORGIEV, State Advisor for the National Authority for the Prevention of Corruption, FY Republic of Macedonia
- **Open Discussion**

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.15 Second Session

The Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy

- **Presentation of the strategy**
Ms. Rasha AMARNEH, Legal affairs officer at the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
- **Presentation of the action plan**
Dr Hamdi AL KHAWAJA, Director General of Planning and Studies, Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
- **Questions and answers**

15.15 – 15.30 Break

15.30 – 17.30 Third Session

Prevention of Corruption in the Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy and related Comparative Experience

- **Presentation**
Dr. Yasser AMOURI, Professor of International law at University of Birzeit, Palestine
- **Preventive measures in the United Nations Convention against Corruption**
Mr. Muhieyydine TOUQ, international expert on anti-corruption
- **Discussion to enrich preventive aspects of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Strategy**

Thursday, 21 June 2012

09.00 – 10.45 Fourth Session

Anti-Corruption Law Enforcement in the Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy and related Comparative Experience

- **Presentation**
Mr. Jamil SAJDIEH, prosecutor for the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
- **Measures of fighting corruption through law enforcement in the United Nations Convention against Corruption**
Mr. Ihab MINNABAWI, expert on anti-corruption and prevention of crime, United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime
- **Discussion to enrich the law enforcement aspect of the Palestinian Anti-corruption Strategy**

10.45 – 11.00 Break

11.00 – 12.00 Fifth Session

Community participation in the Palestinian National Anti-Corruption Strategy and comparative experience in this area

- **Presentation**
Mr. Ibrahim BARGHOUTH, Executive Director of The Palestinian Center for the Independence of the Judiciary and the Legal Profession (Musawa)
- **Measures of enhancing community participation to fight corruption in the United Nations Convention against Corruption**
Mr. Yehia HAKIM, Board Member at the Lebanese Transparency Association
- **Discussion on the enrichment of community participation in the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Strategy**

12.00 – 13.30 Closing Session

Conclusions, recommendations and next steps

- **Experts closing statements**
Dr. Ahmed ASHOUR, Senior partner at the Institute for Development Research and Consultancies and Professor at the University of Alexandria
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Dr. Qasem ZOBI, Head of the Department of Prevention, Jordanian Anti-Corruption Commission
- **Conclusions and next steps**
Mr. Saeed SHEHADEH, Director General of the Diwan of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
Mr. Arkan EL SEBLANI, Manager of UNDP's Regional Project on Anti-Corruption and Integrity in the Arab Countries
- **Closing speech**
H.E Mr. Rafiq Natsheh, Head of the Palestinian Anti-Corruption Commission
